



**RESOLUTION FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF  
FORT WORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND  
AGAINST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

**WHEREAS,** the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce fully supports the Fort Worth Fire Department and its initiatives to make Fort Worth one of the safest cities in which to live and work; and

**WHEREAS** the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce supports continuing benefit increases for firefighters in order to be competitive with other cities; and

**WHEREAS** the Fort Worth Chamber believes that there is no compelling reason for adopting collective bargaining because the City of Fort Worth and its firefighters have openly addressed salaries, benefits and other budgetary matters for many years in Fort Worth; and

**WHEREAS** Collective bargaining could diminish the City Council's flexibility on budgetary matters and could lead to increased taxes and a reduction in vital city services; and

**WHEREAS** Collective bargaining could create a divisive atmosphere between firefighters and other city employees in the allocation of budgetary resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce fully supports the Fort Worth Fire Department, but cannot support collective bargaining in the City of Fort Worth and urges our members to vote against this initiative on the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Election Ballot.

**APPROVED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. .**

Brian Barnard, Chairman

Bill Thornton, President & CEO